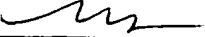




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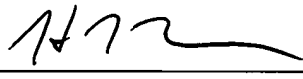
This Reply to Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2007 for the above-referenced patent application. An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

Responsive to the species requirement, Applicants elect species (a) (claims 6-8 and 94-98), drawn to a polypeptide comprising S polypeptide SEQ ID NO: 6042, a fragment thereof, and fusion peptide comprising a tag sequence. Each of claims 1-8, 22, 23, 25, 26, 94-98, 114, 115 and 117 are readable on the elected species.

With respect to the fragment of the S protein, Applicants elect the S1 domain (SEQ ID NO: 7307) as the species. Each of claims 1-8, 22, 23, 25, 26, 94-98, 114, 115 and 117 are readable on the elected species.

With respect to the adjuvant, Applicants elect MF59 as the species. Each of claims 1-8, 22, 23, 25, 26, 94-98, 114, 115 and 117 are readable on the elected species.

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